

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**Dear Honorable Commissioner:**

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37 CFR 1.8

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January 24, 2005  
Date:

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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 81.136(b)**

This is a Petition for Extension of Time in which to respond with an amendment or other appropriate action to the Office Action mailed September 24, 2004. A Shortened Statutory Period was set for three (3) months from the mailing date. A response was due December 24, 2004.

Extension is requested for one (1) month. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$120.00 for a one-month extension of time, along with any additional fees that may be required or to credit any overpayment to Account No. 03-3345.

Respectfully submitted,

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